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SUBJ: VISIT BY U.S. TEAM FOR SCIENTIFIC TALKS ON SHRIMP

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1. SURINAM FISHERIES OFFICIALS REACTED ENTHUSIASTICALLY
TO PROPOSAL FOR REGIONAL SHRIMP RESEARCH BROUGHT BY U.S.
DELEGATION DURING MARCH 15-16 VISIT. PROJECTED JUNE
DATE FOR HOLDING FIRST MEETING OF TECHNICAL FISHERIES
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EXPERTS FROM GUYANA, SURINAM AND FRENCH GUIANA (WITH
POSSIBILITY OF OBSERVERS FROM OTHER INTERESTED
COUNTRIES, INCLUDING TRINIDAD, BARBADOS AND BRAZIL)
WITH U.S. PARTICIPATION AS WELL, WAS AGREEABLE TO
SURINAMERS, WHO INDICATED NO SPECIAL PREFERENCES
AS TO SITE OF SUCH A MEETING.

2. NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE BULLIS OUTLINED PROJECTED RESEARCH EFFORT, WHICH U.S. WOULD HELP TO GET GOING AND ASSIST WITH TECHNICAL EXPERTISE, TRAINING AND A THREE-YEAR ASSESSMENT PROGRAM DESIGNED TO STUDY MIGRATION, GROWTH AND FATALITIES OF THE SHRIMP STOCK IN THE GUIANAS REGION. EVENTUAL AIM WOULD BE FOR GUIANAS (AND PERHAPS AT SOME POINT BRAZIL) TO SET UP AND MAINTAIN A TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION WITH REGULAR MEETINGS AND WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF OBTAINING A REGIONAL DATA BASE ON THE SHRIMP RESOURCE.

3. HEAD OF GOS FISHERIES SERVICE VAN DIJK EXPRESSED APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE AND REGIONAL APPROACH TO STUDYING FISHING RESOURCES OFF THE GUIANAS AND SAID IT WAS GOS POLICY TO APPROACH FISHING QUESTIONS ON A REGIONAL BASIS. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE COUNTRIES IN THE AREA THEMSELVES MAY BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE RESEARCH PROGRAM; FOR EXAMPLE, SURINAM MIGHT MAKE AVAILABLE ONE OF ITS TWO NEW RESEARCH VESSELS. HE REPORTED EEC INTEREST IN A REGIONAL APPROACH TO SCIENTIFIC FISHERIES RESEARCH, INCLUDING AN OFFER OF FUNDS, AND ADDED THAT THE JAPANESE HAD ALREADY OFFERED TO SEND A RESEARCH VESSEL TO SURINAM IF THE GOS WERE TO REQUEST IT. ALTHOUGH HE THOUGHT THE JAPANESE OFFER WOULD NOT BE ESPECIALLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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USEFUL IF RESTRICTED ONLY TO SURINAM, VAN DIJK NOTED THE JAPANESE COULD LATER BE BROUGHT INTO A REGIONAL RESEARCH PROGRAM IF SUCH A PROGRAM COULD BE SET UP.

4. NEXT STAGE IN MOVEMENT TOWARD A REGIONAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PROGRAM IN THE GUIANAS WILL BE A REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF U.S. TEAM'S CURRENT TRIP, ON WHICH FISHERIES OFFICIALS IN GUYANA, SURINAM AND FRENCH GUIANA WILL BE ASKED TO COMMENT.
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